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LETTER DATED 1 OCTOBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The mortar attack on Serbian civilians at the Kosovo Polje market on 28 September 1999, on which occasion 2 Serbian civilians were killed and 42 wounded, 7 of them seriously, is a terrorist act which exposes the charade behind the decision of the United Nations security and civil presences in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, to "demilitarize" and "transform" the terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) into the Kosovo Protection Corps.

This gruesome event, which has not resulted in a massive massacre of innocent and defenceless Serbian civilians only through a very fortunate concourse of circumstances, shows that the alleged completion of the demilitarization of the KLA and its illegitimate transformation into the Kosovo Protection Force have put no brakes at all on KLA systematic terror against the Serbs, aimed at driving out their last remnants from this Serbian province.

It also proves that, notwithstanding its alleged demilitarization and transformation, the KLA continues to possess large quantities of heavy arms and that KFOR and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) continue to turn a blind eye to, and, by extension, to encourage, the Albanian terrorists and separatists in their drive to create an ethnically pure Kosovo and Metohija, just as it fully vindicates the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in demanding that the Security Council take energetic measures to prevent the terror and vandalism of Albanian separatist terrorists against the Serbs and other non-Albanians in Kosovo and Metohija and, to that end, to ensure full personal and property security to all residents in Kosovo and Metohija, disarm the KLA and have those responsible for crimes against civilians apprehended and tried.

In bringing this hideous crime to Your Excellency's attention, I wish to reiterate the demand of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia that the Security Council annul the decision of Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Bernard Kouchner, to "transform" the KLA into the so-called Kosovo Protection Corps and to proceed to effect an immediate disbandment of that mono-ethnic organization which threatens the multi-ethnic and multi-religious character of

Kosovo and Metohija, one of the principal goals of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and relevant documents.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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